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INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, EAID, PK

SUBJ: PROBLEMS IN DEVELOPMENT OF MARI GAS FIELD

1. ESSO ISLAMABAD REPRESENTATIVE AKBAR MIRZA CALLED ON EMBASSY JULY 24 TO REPORT THAT ESSO'S EFFORTS TO SELL ITS OIL MARKETING ASSETS TO THE GOP AND USE THE PROCEEDS TO DEVELOP OGRI GAS FIELD SEEMED TO BE RUNNING INTO TROUBLE. THE CABINET-LEVEL ECONOMIC COORDINATING COMMITTEE (ECC) HAD DISCUSSED THE ESSO PROPOSAL RECENTLY, BUT WHEN MIRZA CALLED TO FIND OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED, THE OFFICIAL HE CONTACTED (FUELS SECRETARY HU.IDEG) SAID THAT "THERE WAS STILL SOME HOMEWORK TO BE DONE". MIRZA WAS LEFT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WERE STILL ROADBLOCKS TO BE OVERCOME BEFORE THE SALE OF ESSO'S MARKETING FACILITIES COULD GO THROUGH. THIS IN TURN WOULD DELAY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARI GAS FIELD.

2. PRESENT PLANS, AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, CALL FOR FAUJI/AGRIC FERTILIZER PLANT AND ONE OF PROPOSED NEW GOP PLANTS TO USE NEW GAS TO BE PRODUCED BY DEVELOPING MARI FIELD. DELAYS IN THE MAIN PROJECT COULD AFFECT THE TIMETABLE FOR FAUJI/AGRIC.

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3. MIRZA ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION NOT BE PASSED TO  
AGRICO FOR THE TIME BEING.HE HOPES TO RECEIVE MORE  
PRECISE INFORMATION WHEN THE ECC'S FORMAL DECISION IS  
COMMUNICATED TO ESSO.  
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